

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CIVIC FOUNDATION MEETS WITH ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE

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Return From Sydney Visit

Mrs. H. B. McMurdo and Children Back from Australia.

Mrs. H. B. McMurdo, wife of Maj. McMurdo, Medical Corps, U. S. A., with her two children, Dahlia and Hew, has returned to Schofield Barracks after a three-month visit to Sydney, Australia, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Playfair.

Col. Edward Carpenter, U. S. A., and Mrs. Carpenter are at the Hotel Brighton, Atlantic City, N. J., where Col. Carpenter is convalescing from a serious attack of sleeping sickness.

Mrs. and Mrs. Henry W. Smith announce the marriage of their daughter, Hilda Kathryn, to Lieut. Col. Charles Frederick Andrews, Infantry, U. S. A., on Thursday, April 14, at Little Rock, Ark.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood was elected head of the University of Pennsylvania by the board of trustees. His name was the only one placed in nomination.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lee announce the engagement of their daughter, Adelaide de Prendre, to Capt. John Alsworth Andrews, U. S. A., the wedding to take place in June.

Maj. John S. Sullivan was operated on for acute appendicitis recently at Park Field, Millington, Tenn.

A daughter, Marjorie, was born to Mrs. Herman Siefke, Jr., at 721 Ridge boulevard, Brooklyn, N. Y., recently. The child is a granddaughter of Col. Alexander R. Piper, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Piper.

A daughter, Eleanor Creighton, was born on April 12 to Capt. Frank E. Brokaw, Cavalry, U. S. A., and Mrs. Brokaw, at Des Moines, Iowa.

A daughter, Betty Grace, was born to Capt. W. A. Hollister, Sixty-fourth U. S. Infantry, and Mrs. Hollister, at Camp Meade, Md., on April 14.

Maj. John M. Webster, U. S. A., retired, of Shelbyville, Ind., has come to Chicago, where he is staying at the Plaza Hotel.

Mrs. J. C. Sanford, wife of Col. Sanford, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., is visiting Mrs. E. Tappan at her country home, Altha Hall, Roslyn, Va.

Maj. W. Vidor, U. S. A., retired, has been relieved from recruiting duty at Providence, R. I., and, accompanied by his family, has gone to California, where he expects to make his home either in San Jose or Los Angeles.

Col. J. J. Toffey, U. S. A., and Mrs. Toffey are on their way to Honolulu, where Col. Toffey is assigned to command the Thirty-fifth Infantry.

will offer these organizations space for office use or for "club centers." The Foundation will make no attempt to federate the activities of existing women's organizations, but proposes to house them on the grounds of the Foundation, where the individuality of each will be jealously guarded and where their natural mutual interests will be promoted and augmented.

Among the advantages of the foundation, a completely equipped and commodious clubhouse is contemplated; which, with the other buildings proposed, will constitute a veritable crown for our city beautiful, the central figure of which will be what someone has aptly termed a "glorified clubhouse."

An important feature of the foundation will be a national bureau of club information, to be conducted by a correspondence staff, under the supervision of the national correspondence secretary. This bureau will be in charge of all correspondence, information concerning all affiliated clubs and organizations enrolled in the foundation and filed in the bureau of information; inquiry fee, 10 cents.

In order that all women's activities may be represented, all organizations are invited to promptly send their year-books and other information to be filed in the information bureau. This information will be at once become the clearing house of information for women's activities in the entire nation.

It is proposed that, eventually, a foundation bulletin will be issued periodically.

All nonclub members, or members of affiliated organizations, are invited, when in Washington, to register at the bureau of information, which will make the foundation the civic center for all women's activities.

Members visiting Washington, upon payment of the plan privilege fee—\$10—will be entitled to temporary residence in the clubhouse at comparatively reasonable rates under the conditions specified in the constitution and bylaws.

The foundation will provide committee rooms, card rooms, and ball rooms at reasonable rental. Such facilities will be a boon to the many visitors in Washington wishing to entertain, and to the increasing number of families living in hotels and apartments.

DEAN SIGHT IS IDEAL LOCATION FOR PROJECT.

The success of such a comprehensive idea depends largely upon the location of the buildings and grounds. The beautiful Dean property, a magnificent wooded estate of nearly ten acres, situated at the head of Connecticut avenue, has been secured for the foundation.

The buildings as designed by our architects, located on the crest of the Dean Hill, will constitute the crowning glory of Washington, overlooking the Capital City and surrounded by magnificent old trees and verdant lawns.

Each year increases the number of women in Washington, and the Woman's National Civic Foundation, according to a uniform plan, the acreage being sufficient to

MATRON ACTIVE IN YOUNGER SET



MRS. GRAFTON MINOT
And her two charming children at their home at 1707 H street. Mrs. Minot takes an active part in the social activities of the younger set in society here.

afford space for buildings for organizations which may wish to lease ground space and erect their own club centers.

Washington greatly needs an outdoor theater. The foundation proposes to include a classic auditorium as the central clubhouse feature, which can be used for chamber music, orchestral concerts as well as for drama. Carefully edited motion picture performances for children will also be given.

A wonderful natural wooded dell on the estate is admirably adapted for a Sylvan Theater for open-air performances. The development of this Sylvan Theater will be one of the early activities of the foundation.

Initial funds to secure the property and provide for necessary public utility have been raised. In the form of a loan, subscribed to by members of the founders' committee. Plans for nationwide membership campaigns will be in the hands of trained experts. It is estimated that the annual dues from the hosts of women who will be eligible to membership should be sufficient to adequately finance the foundation.

The revenues of the foundation will come from the following sources: Founders' memberships, general memberships, local memberships, house guest memberships, affiliation of organizations, rental from committee and entertainment rooms, card and ballroom, tea rooms and guest rooms, gymnasium fees, rental from theaters and motion picture performances, chamber music, concerts and children's plays, ground leases from other organizations desiring to erect their own club centers and from concessions.

After the obligations for site, buildings and equipment are met, a surplus from annual membership dues will be turned into an emergency fund for relief work and civic advancement to be disbursed as may be voted upon by the board of governors.

The enfranchisement of women has opened doors for civic service which few women are prepared. The Woman's National Civic Foundation proposes to establish an institute of statecraft in which will be taught parliamentary law, public speaking, diplomatic usage, language, sociology, economics, methods of government and physical training. The Capital City of our great nation is pre-eminently fitted for such a center as the Woman's National Civic Foundation. It is natural that women's organizations should seek official homes in such beautiful and convenient surroundings. The foundation is strictly nonpartisan, nonsectarian and nonsectarian. This clause is not, however, to be construed as antagonism or interfering with party affiliation or party loyalty to any of the existing political parties. On the contrary, clubroom facilities would be available for such groups of women as may desire to study platforms or other party literature. In a word, the foundation is planned for the co-operative work of the women of the country to advance the general welfare of humanity.

ful, is the daughter of the late Capt. Volney Chase, U. S. N., and Mrs. Chase.

Miss Campbell has played in Washington at Keith's a number of times in the past, and is surely clever as well as attractive. While here this time she will sing a song written by Will Hays many years ago—no, not the new Postmaster General, but his father. She also features a clever thing concerning the river race between the Robert E. Lee and the Natchez. She is so clever.

Mrs. C. C. Calhoun, who is doing so many things just now and all of them well, has written a play, "A Marriageable Mother," which will be produced at the Belasco Theater the evenings of May 25, 26 and 27. The proceeds of the first night will go to the Community Service; the second for the maintenance of a bed for the Women's Welfare, and of the third to the fund which Mrs. Henry P. Dimock is raising for the George Washington Memorial.

"A Marriageable Mother" is a comedy drama dealing with Washington life and it will be played by prominent Washington men and women, a few professionals being in the cast. Mrs. Calhoun will appear in the title role of Mrs. Pace, while the other important parts for women have been assigned to Mrs. George Barnett, Mrs. John Fremont and Miss Pauline Edington, a young New York actress. Miss Katherine Fritchard will play Bobby, the young son of the widow, who is the marriageable mother. The men's parts will be played by Capt. Calhoun, who will appear as Judge Temple, a Virginia gentleman, Marquis Buena Vista, who has been cast as an attaché of the French Embassy; Robert Knox, who will be an attaché of the Italian Embassy; Foxhall Danglefield, who will be an attaché of the Polish Embassy, and George Healey, of the Provincetown Players will have a strong character part. George Langley, Edward Truheim and a number of other men will be in the company.

John Hoffman will direct the play which is built around a really dramatic plot and presents many strong situations. The play will be splendidly staged and costumed. The Woman's National Civic Foundation Drama League, has much interest in the stage and often has demonstrated her ability as an actress. In the role of Mrs. Pace she is to have an opportunity to reveal emotional power and talent as a comedienne.

In the wake of many society women going into business comes the announcement that Miss Anne Ledell Seward, daughter of George W. Seward, for many years United States Ambassador to China, and a grandniece of William H. Seward, who was Secretary of State in the Lincoln Cabinet, has taken charge of a new bureau established in the Park Union-Post Office Building for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the women of the country to advance the general welfare of humanity.

There are two charming Washington society girls in town right now who preferred to go on to the stage and work rather than just play around at parties, etc. Both are making a great success of it. One is Georgia Campbell, who is at Keith's this week and the other is Susanne Chase who was with "Up to You," which played here several months ago. She is going up to New York tomorrow to join Ziegfeld's "Follies." In the former show she was understudy to the leading lady, Susanne, who is very beautiful.

thought, turn into Klinge road and run up to its junction with Rosemont avenue. There you will find the House of Mercy, for over twenty years in charge of Deaconess Yeo.

The House of Mercy is a refuge for unfortunate girls of from 14 to 24, and their equally unfortunate and entirely blameless children. The surprise promised in the first paragraph will greet you in the atmosphere of the home. You expect to find poor, subdued, shrinking little mites; instead they swarm about you, not forward or pert, but with entire confidence that you will be kind to them, that you like little children and are interested in them and their toys. It will warm the heart of any parent who loves his own children.

You expect to find them dressed alike, and in some drab costume "that will not show the dirt;" you find each in a different kind of dress, all simple but very pretty and showy, love in the making. For the distinctive feature of the home is that the mother is received as well as the child, the former for two years, or until disciplined and trained to make her way in life; the latter till 4 years of age, unless the mother marries or makes a suitable home in other ways, or the child is adopted with the mother's consent.

As far as the child is concerned, the basic principle is that it shall have everything done to compensate for the handicap with which its life is started. In those formative years, during which squallor and neglect breed degenerate and criminal impulses, while love and happiness lay the foundation for that confidence in one's fellow creatures without which no sense of citizenship can develop, the tenderness, consideration and care necessary for the latter are amply in evidence here.

Where the mother herself has the true instinct of motherhood she is given a fairly free hand, though under supervision; in those instances where the mother's early life has been such that she has not developed the necessary qualities, the deaconess and her assistant (who also has devoted her life to the work) fill the gap. No child is permitted to miss the personal care, attention, the petting, the mothering that all little ones are entitled to and without which their lives are empty indeed.

STRICT THOUGH KINDLY DISCIPLINE PREVAILS.

But there are no signs that the child is threatened to "spoil" the child. On the contrary it is evident that a strict, though kindly, discipline prevails. In good weather the children from 1 to 5 are to be found in the playground outside, in bad weather in their play room, and always in that all little ones are entitled to and without which their lives are empty indeed.

So much for the children. The mothers are a harder task. Many of them are entirely untrained and untrained when received; many are bitter at life and resentful; many are ashamed, broken and hopeless. With them two objectives present themselves: First, to teach, and, if necessary, enforce, self-control; second, to build up hope. To accomplish the former without appealing to fear and without physical restraint, requires control by a character of rare strength to bring to these unfortunate that hope, without which no progress toward regeneration is possible, requires an unusual instinct of psychology. It is fortunate for the House of Mercy and its occupants that the manager

Spent Year In Levant

Commodore and Mrs. Berthoff Return from Abroad.

Mrs. Roswell Blair, wife of Lieut. Blair, U. S. N., who has spent a month in Charleston, S. C., has gone to the family country home near Haymarket, Va.

Lieut. Dudley S. Brown, U. S. Marine Corps, and Mrs. Brown, who have been abroad for the past year visiting friends in Cairo, Egypt, and Athens, Greece, are returning.

Politox Robinson announces the marriage of his daughter, Maria Maury, to Lieut. Francis Whittle Upshur, M. C. U. S. N. R. F., Wednesday, April 20, at Richmond, Va.

Commodore and Mrs. Ellsworth Berthoff, who have been abroad for the past year visiting friends in Cairo, Egypt, and Athens, Greece, are returning.

Lieut. E. L. Gench, U. S. N., and Mrs. Gench, who have been abroad for the past year visiting friends in Cairo, Egypt, and Athens, Greece, are returning.

Lieut. S. P. Corning, of the United States Marine Corps, who has been abroad for the past year visiting friends in Cairo, Egypt, and Athens, Greece, are returning.

Mrs. Harry Wells, of the Woodley, has gone to Philadelphia to visit her mother, Mrs. H. Wells, U. S. Marine Corps, who is on duty at that city.

Mrs. William S. Miller, wife of Capt. Miller, U. S. N., will shortly leave for Europe to join her mother and sister, Mrs. Oldham and Miss Edith Oldham.

Lieut. and Mrs. Edouard Victor Lemaire and children have left their quarters in the Washington Navy Yard and will spend the spring and summer months at their summer home, "Happy Acres," in Virginia.

At the Hotel Astor in New York this week is Lieut. Comdr. Russell L. Lucas, of the U. S. S. Gresham.

Rear Admiral William L. Rodgers, U. S. N., was among the passengers aboard the U. S. S. York from Liverpool on April 13.

Lieut. Palmer J. McCloskey, U. S. N., and Mrs. McCloskey announce the birth of a daughter at Erie, Pa., on April 5, 1921.

possesses the necessary qualities to a marked degree. And these mothers—children themselves! Bad? Well, there's nothing to indicate it. Little girls learning to cook, learning to sew, learning to do housework, learning to take care of children as they should be cared for, talking and laughing quietly over their work, flushing prettily at a word of praise. In brief learning, and learning with earnestness to be capable housekeepers or house servants, learning to respect authority human and divine, learning self-restraint and industry, learning the unforgettable lessons of personal cleanliness and the appreciation of beautiful surroundings.

Is the work a success? The managers are not elated; they seem to remember the failures more than the successes. The girl who seems to have profited most, all for the teaching fills a larger part in their thoughts than the many who have gone forth to a valued and respected place in life. And you hear no reference to what these women and children might, probably would, have become but for their interposition. Possibly some of their success is due to this modest appreciation of their work.

Statistics show by the fact that in the last nine years (since occupying the present home) there have been only three deaths, all infants; that most of the young women who have left keep in touch with the home by correspondence; that the majority of them are now happily situated, usefully employed and contented; that seven were married last year; and many of the children adopted into families of self-respecting and well-to-do citizens.

The whole system is one of human salvage working on life's most difficult fathom. If the great war taught us two things they were: First, the value of any human being who could and would work; second, the great value of the right kind of human being. The nation needs all of the latter class that can be produced. Go and see them in the making and come away yourself the better for the visit.

GARFIELD HOSPITAL MAY FESTIVAL.

THE May festival for the benefit of Garfield Hospital, to be given by the Ladies' Aid on the grounds of the hospital next Friday, promises many attractive features. The box lunches are to be made a special feature, and will be prepared by the ladies and sold for 35 cents. Ice cream, cake, lemonade and tea will be served. Admission, 10 cents; school children free from 12 to 2 o'clock.

There will be a Maypole dance and special features; cards in the nurses' recreation room. The aprons and bags made by members of the board will be especially attractive. The table of articles made by the convalescent soldiers in Garfield Hospital will offer some of their lovely handwork, and also useful articles.

Anyone wishing to donate articles for the grab bag or white elephant table kindly send same to Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, 3523 Thirtieth street northwest, on Friday.

The committees are as follows: Candy—Mrs. George McKay, chairman; Mrs. Truman G. Palmer, Mrs. Earl Clark, Mrs. William Rodenberg and Mrs. Dear-Patten; cake—Mrs. P. M. Rixey, chairman; Mrs. Frank H. Brown, Mrs. E. J. Dorn and Mrs. Charles E. Robb; ice cream—Mrs. S. A. Kimberley, chairman; Mrs. E. B. Jenkins, Mrs. James E. Jones, Miss Dorinda Rogers, and Mrs. Winchell; lemonade—Mrs. Nancy L. Chamberlain, chairman; Mrs. F. G. Cunningham, Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Marshall; grab bag—Mrs. E. B. Alden, chairman; Mrs. Barry Mohun, Mrs. Henry D. Flood and Mrs. A. A. Snyder.

Home Decoration

THE GUEST ROOM—COMPLETE.
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At this time of the year, particularly, our attention is called to our guest room. Too often we extend invitations and entertain our guests with a program almost making them dizzy with its pace, but neglect the place where they should rest and seek comfort.

We offer them a room or suite of rooms furnished attractively but almost overlook filling this room with comfort. Take time to study your guest room and see whether you are the hostess you would like to be.

In the first place, whom do you entertain?

One week a young girl, school chum of your daughter—another week, your husband has a business associate at your home, or you may entertain a man of prominence in the religious world, or a woman who has become renowned as an actress.

The Guest Room.
Would you and could you offer all of these guests the room decorated and furnished as it now is?

No! You could not if it were a dainty girl's room; you could not if it were a heavy type of a "real man's" room. The question you ask is "how can I prepare a room that would make all of these guests feel happy and comfortable?"

And the answer is: "A Neutral Room."

A room gay with color would hardly do, a pale, yet somewhat somber, and reserved would offend a debutante—so the solution: A neutral room.

Begin with your walls. Are they right? A pale cream, a soft gray or fawn, a tint of "ashes of roses" would be suitable, depending on the exposure and the lighting of the room. The floor, always the foundation of a room, should have the strongest color of the decorative scheme—a light floor has a tendency of making the room "float."

The ceiling, on the other hand, should be the lightest, and this might be given the same color as the wall, but of a lighter tint. White ceilings only suit white walls—since there is nothing lighter than white.

The modern, heavy linen rug make ideal floor backgrounds, because they have no pattern and create such a restful atmosphere in any room.

A simple ecur net at the windows is always pleasing and entirely safe. The overdrapings may be made of either striped or figured cretonne, but it should not "lean" too much in either direction. Select something with a background about the color of your wall and of a design that has color and life.

The Proper Furniture.
The furniture—simple and preferably in a natural wood finish—

Mrs. Ralph Cameron, Mrs. Charles Dulin, Miss Harlan and Miss Selmer, tea-dante and music; Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Wm. Gerry Morgan, Mrs. Geo. Barnett, Mrs. Rufus Day and Mrs. Thos. F. Walsh; cards—Mrs. Robert Harper, chairman; Miss Dean Owen, Mrs. L. H. Reynolds, Mrs. M. T. McNeil and Mrs. Geo. Richards; aprons and bags—Mrs. E. B. Grandin, chairman; Mrs. Fred F. F. Johnson, Mrs. Eugene G. Herndon, Mrs. Robert K. Williams, Mrs. L. G. King and Mrs. John B. Reynolds.

Features, Miss Selma Borchardt, chairman, include: Soldiers' booth—

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\$45, \$65 to \$125

Formerly \$65 to \$195

Sport Suits Blouses

\$45 to \$95

Formerly \$65 to \$125

\$5, \$7.50, \$15

Formerly \$8 to \$25

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\$10, \$15, \$20

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